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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR ROY COOPER

Highlights of the Week

Helping Communities Recover from Hurricane Matthew



On Thursday, Gov. Cooper traveled to Fair Bluff to thank students and staff of Columbus Career and College Academy (CCCA) for their volunteerism during and after Hurricane Matthew. Amid the devastation from Matthew, CCCA acted as a Red Cross emergency shelter, taking in neighbors affected by the hurricane. The governor also visited residents at a housing complex that recently reopened after being severely damaged in Hurricane Matthew.

"Help can't come quick enough for those who have been left homeless from a hurricane," Cooper said. "The recovery process is long and we still have a lot more work to do. We need to get people back into their former homes or into new, safer homes."

[Read more about the governor's hurricane recovery visit here.](#)

6 Million Meals for Meals on Wheels



On Wednesday, Gov. Cooper and First Lady Kristin Cooper delivered the 6 millionth meal with the Meals on Wheels program in Winston-Salem. The governor and first lady met with Rosalie Young, a Meals on Wheels recipient, and talked with her about the importance of the program to seniors across North Carolina. Gov. Cooper also recognized the hard work of the many volunteers who fight hunger statewide.

"These volunteers knock on people's doors and they visit them and deliver nutrition," Gov. Cooper said. "But they offer kindness and friendship and companionship and deliver a message on behalf of this community that we care about you."

[Read more about Gov. Cooper's Meals on Wheels visit here.](#)

Protecting Our Drinking Water



On Thursday, Gov. Cooper vetoed House Bill 56, arguing that the legislation only symbolically addresses unregulated, emerging contaminants in North Carolina's drinking water. HB 56 does not provide resources to state agencies whose mission is to protect drinking water from illegal chemicals. The bill also unduly rolls back environmental protections regarding landfills, river basins and beaches.

"This cynical legislation fails to address the concerns of families in the Cape Fear region and does nothing to protect drinking water statewide going forward," said Gov. Cooper.

[Read Gov. Cooper's full statement here.](#)

NC Joins U.S. Climate Alliance



This week, Gov. Cooper announced that North Carolina will join the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition currently made of 15 states that are committed to reducing their share of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

"Clean air and a healthy environment are vital for a strong economy and a healthier future," Gov. Cooper said. "So much of North Carolina's economy relies on protecting our treasured natural resources, and I'm committed to maintaining the quality of the air we breathe for generations to come."

This is just the latest action taken by the Cooper Administration to help combat climate change. Gov. Cooper recently signed into law House Bill 589, Competitive Energy Solutions for North Carolina, which will roughly double North Carolina's solar generation over the next four years.

[Learn more about North Carolina's role in the U.S. Climate Alliance here.](#)

Wishing Livingstone College Students Well at Fall Convocation



On Friday, Gov. Cooper traveled to Salisbury to deliver a fall convocation address to students and faculty at Livingstone College, a historically black college. During his remarks, the governor encouraged students set intentions for the upcoming schoolyear and the years to follow.

"Living with purpose means something different for every person," Gov. Cooper said. "I'd like to share with you what living a life of purpose means to me, and then I'd like to challenge you to think about what it means to you."

Photo of the Week

Father, son on opposing sides of WFU-ASU game / D1

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Maria destroys homes, triggers flooding

Category 5 Hurricane knocks out power all across Puerto Rico

BY JEFFREY COOPERSON
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MAVILDO MORALES — Hurricane Maria has knocked out power all across Puerto Rico and triggered flooding and landslides that have leveled some homes, knocked out power across the entire island and caused major flooding and even triggering rivers. Widespread is an umbrella that could cover the entire island, deeper into Tuesday evening.

Quake relief push begins

Local groups plan to send water, food and other vital aid

BY JEFFREY COOPERSON
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Local churches and the American Red Cross are helping to coordinate relief efforts to help earthquake victims in Mexico.

A magnitude 8.2 quake struck central Mexico on Tuesday, killing at least 30 people. Police, firefighers and medical volunteers dug frantically through the rubble of collapsed houses, schools and apartment buildings Wednesday, looking for survivors.

Bowling's quake search on the 20th anniversary of the 1994 earthquake in Mexico. He said that killed about 10,000 people.

The Rev. Dennis DeGarmo, director of the Texas Christian

employees Church in Dallas, said he spoke with church leaders Wednesday about ways to help the earthquake victims in Mexico. The church has been involved in relief and recovery work after previous earthquakes, he said.

"It's very encouraging, but it's also sobering to see that we still have so much work to do," he said.

He said Bowling is leading three Bowling's quake relief teams to Mexico. One team will leave Sept. 7 on the journey's first leg. That is a major quake search to start to see what areas have already received a large part of

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Laying ashore after passing the western coast of Puerto Rico, Hurricane Maria has added to the mounting toll of damage in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where a Category 5 storm with winds of 155 mph has pummeled the island of St. Thomas and the surrounding islands for more than four hours, the second time in less than a week. The strongest winds were recorded on St. John, where gusts reached 140 mph.

Product photo of World's Fairer's new line of cookies for the wholesale market.

MAP BY JEFFREY COOPERSON



Cooper honors Senior Services' Meals on Wheels as program hits milestone

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Gene Ray Cooper (right) and his wife, Ruth Estelle Cooper Cooper (left), deliver the official ribbon to the

Killers: Corbett at fault in death

Irish businessman's wife, father-in-law respond to wrongful-death lawsuit

BY MICHAEL HENNETT
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LEEDS — James Corbett died last month, and his widow and son filed a wrongful-death suit against his business partner, Michael Corbett, claiming Michael Corbett was responsible for James' death.

"James Corbett's death was the only event that has caused us to seek justice against Michael Corbett and his business partner," said Michael Corbett's attorney, John C. Brown, attorney for Michael Corbett.

Michael Corbett was found dead in his home in Hillsborough on Aug. 27.

"He was found deceased in his home, and he had suffered a heart attack," said Brown. "He had been receiving medical care previously."

James Corbett was a 61-year-old widower who had been married to Ruth Estelle Cooper for 38 years. They had two sons, Michael and Dennis, and three grandchildren.

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Gov. Cooper on #GrahamCassidy Health Care Legislation:



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The latest proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act may be even worse than previous proposals: raising premiums, weakening protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and slashing over \$1 billion from North Carolina's Medicaid program. North Carolina's middle-class families will be worse off if this passes.

Senate Republicans in Washington must work with Democrats to reach a bipartisan solution that expands health care coverage and makes it better.

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